Slovakia offer on T-72 Russian Tank

1439. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Slovakia has offered to modernise and manufacture T-72 Russian made battle tank and its 155 mm Howitzer for sale;

(b) if so, what are the conditionalities and estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the upgrading of T-72 tanks and 155 mm Howitzer;

(c) what will be the role of both the countries regarding economy *technique, ownership and marketing*;

(d) whether the arms manufactured in this joint venture are likely to be exported; and

(e) what is the present position with regard to the development and induction of the indigenous battle tank "Arjun" to the Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINNISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) While Slovakia has forwarded some brochures pertaining to its defence industry capabilities, including such capabilities in respect of T-72 tanks and 155 mm guns, no offer has been received or solicited.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Currently tanks of the pre-production series of MBT "Arjun" are being supplied to the Army.

Mismanagement in electronics trade and technology development Corporation

1440. SHRI N. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Eelctronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited are being harassed by the present management;

(b) whether it is a fact that around 65 employees have left/resigned from the Corporation since the take over of the present Chairman and Managing Director;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even all the three Directors (out of four) resigned due to ill treatment and deteriorating conditions of the Corporation; and

(d) if so, what is the corrective action Government propose to take to improve the morale of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No; Sir,

(b) 66 employees left the corporation during the period 1.4.91 to 31.3.94.

(c) No, Sir. The Diretors had resigned on their own to take up other assignments.

(d) Does not arise.

Sale of pirated software by electronics trade and technology development corporation

1441. SHRI N. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronics Trade and Technology Dev-

elopment Corporation Limited uses and also sells pirated softwares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Mohanty Associates, a Company owned by the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of ET&T and his family is involved in pirating softwares; and

(c) what are the details of such Softwares and the corrective action taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) M/s. Mohanty Associates is not owned by the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited. It is owned by his family members.

(c) Does not arise.

Non-payment of arrears of the employees of ET and T

1442. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation, New Delih has not paid the full arrears to the officers against the revision of wages in 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the arrears against House Rent Allowance have been paid to the officers in all branches but has not been paid in Delhi; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the same and the corrective action proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Decision on disinvestment of PSU shares

1443. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to divest 49 per cent. of its share from certain Public Sector Undertakings of the country.

(b) if so, that amount reserved as a result of disinvtstment and its break-up, understandingwise;

(c) in which section of the industry this amount has been invested; and

(d) whether Government have drawn up any plan for the investment of the released amount and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The undertaking-wise break-up of amount received as a result of disinvestment is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Amounts realised from disinvestment from time to time has been credited to the Consolidated Fund of Government. Fresh assistance to public sector undertakings for their improvement by way of equity and loan assistance are provided through the budgetary process in the normal course.